

Samaritan’s Purse in South Sudan

Samaritan’s Purse began working in southern Sudan in 1997, before South Sudan gained its independence in 2011. Samaritan’s Purse provides emergency relief support to internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees, and returnees across the country. The organization’s multi-sector response includes agricultural training, food assistance, health services, nutrition interventions, and water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH) programming. Samaritan’s Purse has four main areas of operation in the Greater Bahr el Ghazal and Upper Nile regions of the country. In 2016, Samaritan’s Purse distributed 41,949 metric tons of food to 899,363 people and produced 591,944,558 liters of safe water for refugees in South Sudan. In addition, 5,109 children under the age of five were identified with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and received nutritional support through the targeted supplementary feeding program (TSFP). Samaritan’s Purse also received 5,824 inpatient admissions and provided outpatient treatment to 5,329 at the Maban County Hospital located in South Sudan.

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Fig 1. Child nutrition/weight screening at Yida refugee camp in South Sudan. Photo by Shanna Carter/Samaritan’s Purse



Fig 2. Agriculture and livelihoods project at local garden in Aweil East, South Sudan. Photo by Shanna Carter/Samaritan’s Purse



Fig 3. Community latrine construction in Mayendit, South Sudan. Photo by Amanda Patterson/Samaritan’s Purse



Fig 4. Lead mothers nutrition rally in Mayendit, South Sudan. Photo by Frederick Hamic/Samaritan’s Purse